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## REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114

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Dear Sir:

Under 37 C.F.R. §1.114, it is respectfully requested that this application be accorded the benefits of Continued Examination. Applicant respectfully requests that the amendment previously filed October 14, 2003, but unentered, in the prior application, be entered at this time. Enclosed for the Examiner's reference is a courtesy copy of the amendment.

Please charge deposit account 13-2725 in the amount of \$385.00 to cover the required fee for a small entity.

Respectfully submitted,

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